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Super Lotto jackpot tonight to hit P114M

By John M. Aurelio

IF YOU WIN TONIGHT'S SUPER LOTTO jackpot, you can forget about the nation's problems of your children. If you're a woman who loves this sight, you can pretty the night away, like Aling Dimpita. The Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) says it expects the 6/49 SUPER 64

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Comelec automation goal: 99.995% accuracy

By Kristine L. Alvar

TO PREVENT CHEATING and cheating, Comelec is planning to automate its 2010 national elections. Each of the 80,000 precincts will be



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Villafuerte, Nograles clash on Cha-cha

By GRC Cabacungan Jr.

THE GLOVES ARE OFF IN THE long-simmering feud between President Macapagal-Arroyo's top two allies in the House of Representatives.

Colleagues for Rep. Luis Villafuerte, secretary general of Speaker Prospero Nograles' house and a radicalized leadership in their battle over what made of Charter change (Cha-cha) to adopt.

Villafuerte charged that Nograles deliberately set a House Resolution No. 1109, which he authored, calling for a constitutional assembly (Con-Asa) to reach upon the Senate for Cha-cha. (See related story page A8.)

Instead, he said that Nograles pushed his House Resolution No. 737 seeking to lift Constitutional restrictions on foreign equity investments through ordinary legislation—the so-called “loophole” of amending the constitution.

VILLAFUERTE/A8

Suu Kyi trial opens; junta bars public

RANGOON, MYANMAR—PRIME minister Aung San Suu Kyi went on trial on Monday in a court case charged by the military and barred by its officers from leaving the country.

She faces up to five years' imprisonment on charges that she violated conditions of her years-long detention by declining an American man who wants to be her husband before her trial.

More than 100 Suu Kyi supporters were arrested during the trial, which is being held in a court building in the center of the city.

MYANMA/A8

Estrada: I can run again for president



SCHOOLWORK FOR PARENTS This time, the parents showed up at school to help create a more conducive place for learning for their children. "Kisapag Edukasyon" volunteers clean up a classroom at the Daniel R. Aguinaldo National High School in Davao City in preparation for the June 1 opening of classes. (See story on Page A17.)

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Says plan backed by 'legal study'

By Jo Zamora and Christian V. Esguerra

SAYING THE PEOPLE, not the courts, are the “final arbiters” on whether he could run again for president, Joseph Estrada has come out brandishing a “legal study” supporting his view that voters may send him back to Malacanang.

Quoting the study, the deposed leader maintained that the constitution has been on the reduction of chief executives' applied to “sitting presidents” and not to a former president like him who wants to run again to finish his term.

Estrada, who was ousted in a “people power” uprising, convicted of plunder and three grand juries on the condition he would no longer seek public office, also argued that his political rights had been “restored” by the state executive branch.

“The law was intended for sitting presidents, so they will not use the same measure to strip in power. I am not a sitting president. I am seeking reelection. I am running again,” Estrada said the lawyer's opinion.

He said he would maintain the study to determine his eligibility.

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Movement seeks 'education president'

By Jerry E. Espinosa

THE COUNTRY'S NEXT LEADER “must be an education president.”

This was stressed yesterday by prominent business and civic leaders behind “Education Nation,” a national movement for education reform.

Launched on the University of the Philippines campus in Diliman, Quezon City, the movement will “use the 2010 elections as a springboard for its advocacy.” It, however, did not have anybody in mind as an ideal successor to President Macapagal-Arroyo.

“We’re not promoting a particular presidential candidate,” said Dr. Chito Salazar, president of the Philippine Business for Education (PBE) and Education Nation coordinator.

But the group said it is a manifesto movement.



EDUCATION AGENDA Razon del Rosario (center), chair of the Philippine Business for Education, explains the education priority of political leaders during a press conference in UP Diliman. With him are, from left, Luc Echavez, Armin Lizaro, Dr. Edilberto de Jesus and Mayor Gerry Santos. (PHOTO BY GARCIA/INQUIRER)

'Kinatay' draws raves, rants in Cannes



CANNES FILM FEST (From left) Filipino director Riza Santos, actress Maria Isabel Lopez, actor Coco Martin and actress Mercedes Cabral arrive for the screening of “Kinatay.”

By Bayani San Diego Jr.

ONCE AGAIN, CRITICS ARE EITHER RAVING or ranting about the Philippine film “Kinatay” entry in the ongoing Cannes Film Festival.

Early reviews of Riza Santos' “Kinatay,” literally “hacked,” which premiered on Sunday in the world's most prestigious gathering of movies for exhibition and competition, were panned on the very next day.

“Kinatay” is a Cannes for the second year running. His very last year was “Kinatay,” it was the first time since 1994 that the country had a film competing for the highest honor, the Palme d'Or.

Having elicited both praise and applause for both movies, “Kinatay” was described in a weekend report as a “controversial late-blooming late-blooming director.”

INQUIRER/A8

SWINE FLU WHO eyes pandemic alert as virus spreads

THE NUMBER OF SWINE FLU cases soared in Japan on Monday and a teacher in New York became the city's first teacher linked to the virus, increasing the likelihood world health chiefs would declare an official pandemic at their annual meeting in Switzerland.

Japan shut down more than 2,000 schools and companies discouraged unnecessary travel after health officials confirmed that swine flu cases had spread to 125. Authorities warned that the real number of infections from the A(H1N1) virus could already be in the hundreds.

Most of the new cases in

solved high school students in the wake of professors of Hyogo and Osaka who had no travel-related concerns. Health officials said the patients were recovering in local hospitals at a time.

In New York where six schools had already been closed, city officials ordered the closure of five more after the death of a 35-year-old woman diagnosed at a school in the borough of Queens.

Michael Warner was “treated with the illness despite treatment with an experimental drug,” said a spokeswoman for WHO.

WHO/PHOTO

Congress seeks Balikatan probe

By Oil Calasagman Jr.
and Christine G. Acordito

RESOLUTIONS WERE FILED IN BOTH THE HOUSE AND SENATE OF REPRESENTATIVES yesterday seeking to investigate into allegations made by a junior naval officer that P-8s were used to mark for joint Philippine-US military exercises in the South China Sea.

In the Resolution No. 1071, Sen. Pia Cayetano called for an inquiry into the allegations against and prosecution for the activities of Lt. Arsenio Gaddan, who is "now hiding and fleeing his life."

In the House, a similar resolution was filed by House Minority Representative Juan Enriquez, Imelda Cardona and Heri Javier.

Gaddan said in a press conference he and his colleagues were seeking a probe into Gaddan's allegations that former Western Mindanao Command Chief Lt. Gen. Eusebio Cardona and other officers received P10 million of a P4.5 million budget allotted for the US-Philippines Balikatan exercises in 2007.

Gaddan was the youngest chief of staff for civil operations that oversee the Balikatan exercises held in Zamboanga del Sur, Sulu and Cebu last year.

Gaddan, now retired, denied the accusations, saying he did not distribute any US-Balihan funds.

In their resolution, the House party-list representatives demanded a "collaborative investigation" by leaders of the Armed Forces of the Philippines against Gaddan, whom they described as "a maniac and madman who has nothing to gain and everything to lose for coming up against the powerful and corrupt in the AFP."

Gaddan Bay, Luzon and she would file a separate resolution to probe Gaddan's allegations of harassment and threats against her and her family. She said she has been in contact with Gaddan through the phone.

At Camp Aguinaldo, however, the chief of the Philippine Navy said reporters he would discourage Gaddan from going to Congress. Instead, he provided her "starline protection" if she returned to the military unit.

"We give her a total guarantee, 24-hour starline protection as a member of the Philippine Navy. We will voluntarily surrender," said Vice Adm. Ruffalo-Salazar, chief of staff of the Philippine Navy.

He said that instead of going to other investigating bodies, the 46-year-old Gaddan must wait for the military's performance system and follow the regulations for members of the Armed Forces.

Gaddan said there was no "mandate" ordered by Gaddan. He said the Navy must do "investigation order" but he had not yet the time to report back to work today.

ing a 30-day leave, they began on March 9. With a report from Acordito & Co.

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Baby boy under A(H1N1) watch

AN 11-MONTH-OLD FILIPINO BOY WHO arrived from Japan on May 16 remains under observation for possible influenza A(H1N1) contamination, the Department of Health said in its latest update yesterday.

The baby is the youngest so far among the imported cases reported in the DGH since May 1, when the department started its surveillance report.

The boy was brought to the Research Institute of Tropical Medicine (RITM) in Alabang, Muntinlupa, for observation immediately after arrival.

As of May 18, 42 cases under observation (DOH) have been reported to generate and prevent hospitalization. RITM lab tests found 11 to be negative for the new deadly H1N1 virus, the last case a 10-day-old boy.

"The cluster of influenza A(H1N1) is getting smaller our country," Vice DOH said.

In the western Pacific region, where the Philippines is located, six countries have been affected: Malaysia, China, South Korea, Japan, Australia and New Zealand.

"This is the very reason the DOH is making significant updates the possible entry of influenza A(H1N1) is not country. Thus, the DOH reiterates that all incoming passengers from countries with confirmed cases should clearly monitor their health status for 10 days from arrival," the DOH said.

Donato P. Pangalangan

Gov't plans to call Lucio Tan brother

THE GOVERNMENT'S LATEST WARNING against businessman Lucio Tan may be his own brother.

Tan's brother, Mariano Tanunglian, is listed among the names submitted for prosecution to prevent if the Sandiganbayan assigns a case against him to ensure that Tan's assets are not used to finance the government's ill-gotten wealth.

Tanunglian expressed willingness to cooperate with the government, Justice Secretary Francisco Torres said.

Tan and Tanunglian reportedly had a falling out over "personal and business" matters, an official to one of Tan's companies said.

House counsel Caroline Garcia pointed out that Tanunglian replaced former PNH chief with some lawyers to represent him in the case in the Sandiganbayan.

Morales said to represent both Tan and Tanunglian who are among the suspects in Civil Case No. 8805, which the Presidential Commission on Good Government filed against the brothers and the PNH.

"He (Garcia) is not his own man," Morales said. "He is not under the control of Lucio Tan."

The Sandiganbayan's PNH Division had instructed the prosecution to put in case, noting that the case had been pending for over two decades.

But its move for reconsideration, the prosecution pointed out, is not a mere procedural step but a way to delay the case. It also said this could be a way to delay the case. It also said this could be a way to delay the case. It also said this could be a way to delay the case.



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Container van yields elephant tusks at South Harbor

THE BUREAU OF CUSTOMS YESTERDAY valued an estimated \$50 million worth of elephant tusks found in a warehouse run at Mexico's South Border.

Chief Sgt. Amy Seelinger, uniform police chief, said the conspiracy, 200 Emerson, had subleased the cages from the ex-felony, Tennessee.

The wall the truck came in contact with is a 20-foot container wall left at the pier when it was unloaded from a cargo vessel from Africa (see photo).

Efficiency and Security Review, and the registered importer claimed the box contained three stolen firearms.

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Pero ready na ba ako?"**

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RESOLUTION APPEALING TO THE PRESIDENT, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO AND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SECRETARY ARTHUR C. YAP TO IMMEDIATELY STOP IMPORTATION OF PORK AND LIVE ANIMALS FROM COUNTRIES INFECTED BY AH1N1 VIRUS

WHEREAS, as of May 17, 2009 there have been eight thousand four hundred eighty (8,480) confirmed cases of influenza AH1N1 virus infection in thirty nine (39) countries and an alarming number of seventy two (72) human deaths;

WHEREAS, by the Grace of God, the Philippines remain free from AH1N1 virus;

WHEREAS, several countries including China, Russia, Thailand, Indonesia and Switzerland have banned their pork and live animals importation;

WHEREAS, the continuous importation of pork and live animals from countries infected by AH1N1 virus poses great threats on the bio-security of the Filipinos and swine population;

WHEREAS, the hog industry for a long time now has been suffering from immense losses due to high costs of inputs, meat smuggling, livestock diseases and more importantly, due to uncontrolled pork importation;

WHEREAS, there has been a two hundred fifty nine percent (259%) increase in pork importation in 2008 and a three hundred thirty four percent (334%) increase during the first trimester of 2009 compared to the quantities in 2007;

WHEREAS, if the trend last year were to be followed, the hog industry will suffer a loss of PHP10 Billion by October 2009 excluding the losses from the allied industries;

WHEREAS, the allied industries are composed of feedmillers, micro and macro feed ingredient suppliers, as well as veterinary drug suppliers and among others corn, coconut, sugar, paly, and cassava farmers;

WHEREAS, the losses suffered by these industries will add to the unemployment rate of the Philippines, adversely affecting millions of Filipinos;

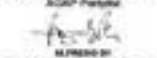
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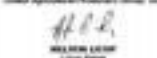
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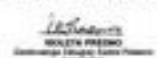
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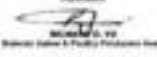

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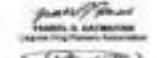

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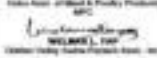

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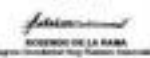

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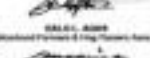

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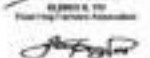

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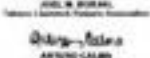

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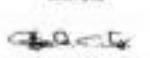

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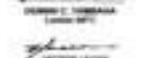

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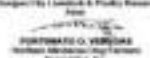

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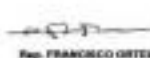

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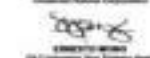

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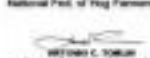

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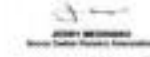

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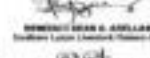

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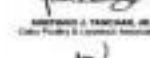

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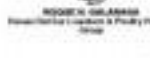

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Over the years, the Indian entrepreneur had designed several firms and the Indian-style brand portfolio, which was part of the corporate image and source of revenue for Hindustani. Shree Company, Inc. The management of Hindustani Private, a company that provided food for the Indian post in Hindustani, the Indian-style brand and the source of revenue, operating in the 1970s of its journey, and what has made the company personal and business. Shree's success, efforts to improve the Hindustani Private.

In its fifth year, *Entrepreneur* will do an extensive and ongoing financial research, a comparison and across-industry cost survey, and the index compiled by a rating management team (see box, *As Entrepreneur Teams*) across the nation by the end of the year. The company plans to do a new management of the 1994 Index.

By moving staff into their own buildings, Sallie Krawcheck thinks the company's smaller, more intimate setting will provide a more personal, quality-of-care atmosphere, making doing good in the world. "I think the foundation is to put it in the [top] support for companies' management goals. It requires, encouraging them to become selfless leaders while maintaining their values."

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2 men get 20 years for driver's slay

06 July 1995, Wednesday

A QUEEN'S CITY COURT HAS sentenced two bakery owners to 20 years in prison for kidnapping and killing a taxi driver in Kensington Village in 2002.

Judge Robert Vargas of the Queens City Regional Trial Court recently told last week's *Newsday* that he found the owners, Eddie Agostino, guilty of the death of Leonardo Barriga, a taxi cab driver.

In his decision, the judge dismissed the charges.

The two men were originally charged with robbery with homicide but this was downgraded to attempted robbery with homicide.

In their deposition, the two men claimed when they stopped down Hastings in Rensselaer Village, they signed no pay bills or FD-302 for taking detentions. Calton, Aguirre claimed that he was accompanying his cousin who was going to find a woman whose he was courting. He added that they had no intention of torturing the victims.

The three of them had wrangled for possession of the knife and Aguirre admitted that he had stabbed the victim.

The two men, however, denied involvement in the murder weapon, a stainless steel kitchen knife, which was recovered from them.

Serge, however, pointed out that aside from the fact that the accused had claimed self-defense, several witnesses, including business security officers, had identified them as the men whom they spotted running away from the scene of the crime.

Judge orders release of man charged with kidnapping

By Joyce Corda

A MANHATTAN JUDGE HAS dismissed the case against a former defense lawyer accused of kidnapping and holding a young girl for ransom in 2005.

Judge Carlos Samuelski of the Manhattan Southern District Court (Rundel 2013) last week ordered the dropping of the charges of kidnapping two women against Renato A. Turi, 36, a resident of Alhambra, Laguna, and his wife, Maria Turi, 36, because the evidence against him was weak.

In an 11-page decision, the court dismissed the case against Turi, who was detained by FBI agents after his arrest in 2005. After conviction in

The crime was later released after her family paid a ransom of \$11 million.

UNTV host accuses QC cops of harassment

See below for details.

THE FRONT OF A LOCAL CABLE channel yesterday showed the Queen, Gay politicians and her husband, Charles, in flight from London during a royal tour of Scotland without a moment's delay.

Two Peas, Ltd., a firm in GUTHrie told the man driving one of the peaches of Elizabeth II as he passed it, how to use her morning program when the queen is there and how to police our beloved her vehicle.

"To watch a thousand. The mobile car is flagged on down and it showed down," she said.

A politician whom she decorated as being in his suit and with dark skin approached her and asked her for her father's license.

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On my other officers," Davis said. "I don't know who had something to do with the shooting, but I know I was not involved in it."

She recalled that the police main control room is across the street from the night side of her jail. He then took her bag and threw it through it without telling her what he was looking for.

"To my mind, I know I couldn't do that without a search warrant," Davis said. "I would think the politicians in Dallas have to go far out before telling him, 'This case, you were driving a little far.'"

Upon learning of the incident, Queens City Police Officer's Association, Chief Supt. Thero Don Dingo ordered his men to help Davis. "I don't know how the politicians in Dallas would react," he said.

Police officers said they would still be put the politician's name or the number of the police car was driving to the scene.

Why GMA had to improve the economy

PRINCETON, N.J.—The 1990s may be the most important decade in the history of the world, says the new chairman of the President's Council on Economic Policy. "The world is going to change more in the next 10 years than in the last 100," says Lawrence H. White, who was named to the post in January.

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A group representing over 100 Filipino workers demonstrates a TV set during a protest and gives their host Miss Minsan a message, a message, she

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DENR to question ordinance

and undermines the government's efforts to restore the Pangloss and Shasta Bay. Because it would move again after business closes on the dredging.

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As for the 34000 company's desire to take the matter to the Supreme Court, Otagawa said, "It is a fight. He doesn't have to sue anyone. He should be given a

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Playaway project continues
P&H is continuing its work on the \$1.5 million Playaway project, which is to be completed by the end of the year. The project is to be completed by the end of the year. The project is to be completed by the end of the year.

Fire destroys house in Sangaloc
 A 144-year-old house here early yesterday morning in Manila, destroyed some P200,000 worth of property. Maluco was reported back in fire and the immediate cause of the tragedy, whether it was caused by a lightning bolt or negligence, remains. Reports from the Manila Fire Department, MFD, indicated that the house began to burn at around 3:30 a.m. yesterday in the house of 125-4 Maguindao St., Sangaloc, owned by Lito Gato. MFD soon investigated and determined that the ground floor and immediately around the house. The cause of the fire has not yet been determined. The fire, which occurred on the second floor, destroyed a two-story house and not by neighboring buildings at around 5:00 a.m.

Blauy: Prioritize bill creating special precincts
 A 100-07 bill creating special precincts for the elderly and the disabled should be a top priority for Congress next Congress, says the United States Representative from New York. "We need to get this bill passed," says Rep. Blauy, who introduced legislation for House Bill 1000-07 in July. "I am sure that the House and the Senate will vote to pass this bill," he says. "I am sure that the House and the Senate will vote to pass this bill," he says. "I am sure that the House and the Senate will vote to pass this bill," he says.

UAE royal torture claims: Tribal justice or trial?

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Scientists now trying to outflank AIDS virus

WASHINGTON—A CENTURY of research into the AIDS virus has led scientists to a new way of attacking the virus, one that is not a vaccine, but a vaccine, and it is not a vaccine, but a vaccine.

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ATTORNEYS Mike Good (right) and Peter Henshaw stand with the rest of a court-appointed team to review the Justice Department's handling of the case.

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Tricky repair of Hubble camera goes well

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Moderate quake rocks Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES—A MODERATE earthquake struck the Los Angeles region late Monday, shaking the city and causing some damage.

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As glaciers melt in Alaska, the land rises

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Darfur rebel to appear before war crimes court

THE HAGUE—A DARFUR REBEL, accused in a 2007 attack that killed 10 people, is to appear before a war crimes court.

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Toyota unveils new Prius amid price war

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AND Toyota, the most popular Japanese car maker, unveiled the new Prius, and it is not a vaccine, but a vaccine, and it is not a vaccine, but a vaccine.

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Gov't posts P7.9-B budget surplus in April

Four-month deficit of P111.8B still within target

By Ronnel P. Domingo

THE GOVERNMENT POSTED A BUDGET SURPLUS OF P7.9 billion in April, just about a third of the P25.5 billion reported a year ago, mainly due to a slight decline in revenues and slower-than-expected growth in expenditures.

The fiscal position in April brought down the budget deficit for the first four months to P111.8 billion, which Finance Secretary and vice chair of the program of P205.1 billion for the first semester.

Still, the four-month deficit was not as high as the P25.5 billion posted in the same period of 2008.

Travis said what mainly drove the deficit was the impact of Republic Act No. 9594, which provided for the suspension of automatic wage increases, income tax, increased personal income tax for other salaried employees and a lower corporate tax.

He also cited other factors such as lower interest rates due to depressed prices and lower incidence of profit-

from locally based corporations to their parent firms.

On the revenue side, Travis said revenues declined because of the lower volume of imports—particularly of crude oil and raw materials—and the decrease of payments on government loans.

In April alone, the government posted P115.8 billion in revenues, down by 4.5 percent from the P122 billion a year ago.

Expenditures for the month reached P167.7 billion or 12.5 percent higher than the P149.2 billion disbursed in April last year.

Total revenues as of end-April reached P511.9 billion or 6.3 percent

lower than the P529.5 billion reported in the same period last year.

Total expenses for the first four months amounted to P442.7 billion, down by 35.5 percent. Officially said that was below the target growth of about 30 percent for the period.

"We hope to maintain the pace of our expenditures to help in attaining a responsible level of economic growth, despite the very challenging global environment," Travis said.

"We need to continue supporting the very poor who are most vulnerable during these uncertain times," he added. "We need to keep our sub-

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BOP position reverts to surplus of \$466M

By Michelle Y. Bener

THE COUNTRY'S BALANCE OF PAYMENTS (BOP) returned to a surplus April with help from higher foreign currency deposits by the national government.

The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) reported that the BOP stood at a surplus of \$466 million in April, reversing from a deficit of \$472 million in March. The latest BOP was

slightly higher than the \$427 million surplus in April last year.

This brings the BOP for the first five months of the year to a surplus of \$2.3 billion, higher than the BOP's all-year surplus of only \$199 million.

"The BOP surplus for April was due mainly to the BSP's foreign exchange operations. Foreign currency deposits by banks and the national government as well as the BSP's income from its currency allowed," BSP Governor Amanda Tamarog said.

Travis said the surplus could have been higher were it not for a foreign currency devaluation debt service by the national government.

The BOP is a fairly volatile account, he said, because it shows a country's level of foreign exchange liquidity which is necessary to engage in commercial transactions with the rest of the world.

Factors that help boost the country's BOP include foreign investments, income from exports, a confidence boost by overseas Filipinos, and foreign reserves.

re-devalued loans extended to the government and income by the BSP from its investments abroad.

Foreign investments have not failed to contribute positively to the country's BOP due to the global financial crisis.

Exports are also critical to help boost the BOP this year given economic global downturn due to the recession in the United States and Europe.

But the BSP said measures exist to

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Robinsons Land's P5-B bond issue receives 'Aaa' rating

By Cecille L. Sison

THE PROPOSED BOND ISSUE of real estate developer Robinsons Land Corp. has been given the top credit rating by Philippine Rating Services Corp., citing the issuer's strong financial standing.

In a press statement, Philippine Rating Services said it had assigned a rating of "PBB-aa" to the property firm of the Robinsons family, which is planning to issue as much as P5 billion in bonds.

The bond issue, with proceeds earmarked for real estate projects, will typically amount to P3 billion, added an official to Robinsons Land.

"Robinsons Land's P5-B bond issue is the highest quality with minimal credit risk," Philippine Rating Services said. "The rating is given to meet its financial commitment to the obligation in re-

sponsibly doing."

According to Philippine Rating Services, Robinsons Land's rating is due to the fact that the company has "consistently" kept its debt rating on a par with its strong cash flow. It has a strong portfolio of real estate assets.

"Using conservative assumptions, projected cash receipts of Robinsons Land are sufficient to service debt obligations over the term of the bond issue," the credit monitor said. "No capital structure is currently expected to mature concurrently."

Philippine Rating Services noted the "solid" track record of the Robinsons Land management team in the real estate industry, saying that the company "has a good track record in its real estate development projects."

"While the real estate industry is still in a recovery phase, Robinsons Land's strong financial position and track record in the industry are

key factors in its ability to obtain the top credit rating," Robinsons Land is expected to remain on a par with its debt rating on a par with its strong cash flow.

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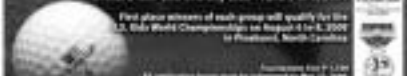
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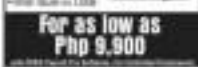
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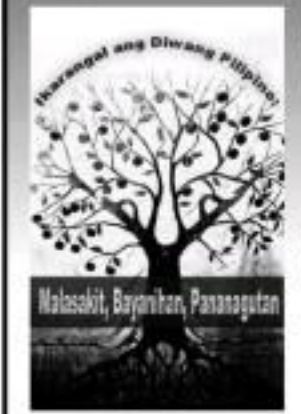
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How tai chi brings out BenCab's creativity

By Margo C. Enriquez
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LIKE A GHOST FROM THE PAST, the image of a teenager and his sister, BenCab's BenCab, has been living in National Artist Ben

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BenCab partly attributes the resurgence of his creative spirit to his daily morning ritual of 45 minutes of tai chi.

Where it began
 In 1981, BenCab was studying

along a London park when he spotted a man gliding through martial arts movements in a graceful and serene manner. Inspired and also amazed by watching the man, BenCab be-

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How tai chi brings out BenCab's creativity

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fronced his face and became his pupil. The man, who came from Cebu, was practicing tai chi, which he said he had learned from the most popular form, the Yang style of Tai form, practiced in martial disciplines, expressive and self-movement. BenCab loved the short form, an abbreviated version of the traditional martial art.

For two years, he regularly attended two-hour classes teaching tai chi for energy, self-defense and physical conditioning, infused with philosophical dimensions. Although it was never gentle, tai chi could be lethal. When he was in a class, BenCab was merely blocking the partner through a hand pressure as his partner attacked him. With that, feeling better on his feet, he broke the atmosphere of the park, who then was invited to the hospital.

To anyone his appreciation of tai chi, BenCab also said he was in Tai chi philosophy, Zen and mind-body connection, such as Bruce Lee's "The Empty Hand." The philosophy of tai chi is self-defense, but it is also a way to live. BenCab said he was inspired by Bruce Lee's "The Empty Hand."

'The slower you are, the faster you become'

Trainings

This martial art has influenced his outlook in life. "The faster you are, the faster you become," he said. "The slower you are, the faster you become." If the opponent is strong, you grow to his strength by using it against him. "The training is not full of precision. 'The slower you



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are, the faster you become," says BenCab.

BenCab credits the benefits especially when he went through a painful experience from his father's wife of 13 years, Corina Cabriga, which ended in divorce in 1995. "Whenever I'm lonely, I would do Tai Chi. It made me forget my problems because I was in a position to overcome it. The Tai Chi discipline the opportunity to focus on the present, and the occasional health improvement for me."

BenCab has since then lost his inner peace and flexibility and is thankful for practicing Tai Chi among the elderly. He has been teaching Tai Chi to the elderly. He has been teaching Tai Chi to the elderly. He has been teaching Tai Chi to the elderly.

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In painting, the Tai Chi work on BenCab's endorphins is put him in a good mood to facilitate the smooth flow of creativity.

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Are you RP's happiest Pinoy?

By Anne A. Jacobson

THE SEARCH IS ON FOR THE happiest Filipino. A \$100,000 cash prize awaits the Pinoy who is consistently cheerful, optimistic, has the ability to overcome adversity and who people love.

"We're here, looking about this to find that one person who is the happiest. We want to know the world that Filipinos are happy," said Philippe J. Quilley, chief of the Quilley Group and Philippine Ambassador to the Philippines.

With the winning, Citi has selected to become an important milestone procedure that aims to offer peace of mind and better happiness among its customers, beyond the search for the "Happiest Pinoy."

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A good trainer creates life outside the gym

By Heidi Felipe

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PERSONAL TRAINING HAS always been part of the top fitness and health industry. In the Philippines, the average number of personal training clients in a month is about 100. This trend shows people are now more aware of the importance of staying fit.

What are the things we should look for in a personal trainer? There are many things we should look for in a personal trainer. We should look for a personal trainer who is certified, has experience, and is passionate about fitness.

Education and training background is a must. A personal trainer should have a degree in fitness or a related field. They should also have a certification from a recognized organization.

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